



# **KITH AND KIN**

**MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER**

**P.O. BOX 337, Marshfield, WI 54449**

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## **GENEALOGY GROUP DISPLAY AT NORTHWAY MALL SET FOR JUNE 3 & 4**

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group will set up a display and informational table on June 3 and 4 at the Northway Mall.

Similar to displays set up for 1984, 1985 and 1986, we will bring along our library materials, old photographs, and completed family histories.

This is a great opportunity for us to promote the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group and at the same time encourage others with an interest in family history to get started.

Your help is needed to man tables if this display is to be a real success. So, if you can spend an hour, or two, helping to answer questions let Vicky Johnson know at 683-2861 or sign up at the April meeting.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET**

A meeting of the MAGG Board of Directors will be held immediately following the May meeting. Both outgoing and new members of the board should attend.

## **SHOW AND TELL AND PROBLEM SHOOTING**

On Thursday April 27, 1989 at 7 p.m. we will have the opportunity to discuss problem areas in your research and solicit suggestions to overcome these difficulties from other members of the group. Also, everyone is invited to "Show and Tell" about something or some area of their research. You are encouraged to bring something to share.

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## **TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP**

It is time to renew your membership in the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. To help you, and the group, a renewal form has been included with this newsletter.

The form is similar to the one used previously. As in the past, your responses will be used as a guide for planning programs, field trips and material to be included in the newsletter. So it is very important that each item be filled in as completely as possible. The forms should be returned at one of the upcoming meetings or mailed to the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

*President's Message*

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank Karen Boerboom for her collection of United States telephone books and Who's Who. It is nice to see such a collection given to the group. These telephone books and those in the group's library made up the Telephone Book Correspondence and Workshop such a success. I would also like to thank Sue LaSavage for her presentation, stories and information on Telephone Correspondence.

The trip to the Wisconsin State Historical Library in Madison was productive and enjoyable for the six who were able to go. Although the place was packed, most of us were able to find a microfilm reader sooner or later. There were a number of good finds. One of the people who worked there said that they were expecting large crowds for each of the first three weeks in April. We may wish to schedule our research trip a little later next spring. Following a full day of research, the group had supper at Madison's Heritage House. Their smorgasbord is now about \$6 plus tip. I thank Barb for my delicious meal.

Speaking of libraries I am hearing that the LDS Library at Schwano has been closed briefly while some of their resources were being transferred to the LDS Library at Appleton. Perhaps someone in the group has additional information. In the meantime you may wish to call ahead first.

I also wish to thank Patti Pulczynski and Beverly Peaslee for agreeing to help on the "Town Records Index Joint Committee" for Wood County with Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society. Thanks also go out to Lorraine Markee for agreeing to help with the indexing once that gets started. I am glad that the Marshfield Area Genealogical Group has shown its support to this most worth while project.

You can help, too! If the nominating committee asks you to serve, please, see if you can help. We have a number of very important positions to be filled.

The Mall display will be needing volunteers also. We will bring along our library materials, old photographs, and completed family histories. Help will be needed with setting up the materials each day as well as manning the tables. If you can help, let Vicky Johnson know at 683-2861 or sign up at the April meeting.

With the warmer weather, thoughts go to getting out for that research trip, visit to the old family homestead, wandering through gravestones in an old cemetery or two, and collecting information at the family reunions.

Good luck ancestor hunting!

As Always,

Lou H.

## QUERIES

*The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Queries for non-members will be published for \$1. Submit your query on a separate sheet of paper with your name and address. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.*

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### MEADOWS- JORDAN- DUCKET- DINGMAN- WILLIAMS- QUICK

Need ancestors and descendants: George and Elizabeth MEADOWS JORDAN. Lived Paris Township, Grant County, Wisconsin 1840's to 1870's. Children: Mary, Kesiah DUCKET, Nancy DINGMAN, Jeanette WILLIAMS, Clemens, Fernelia QUICK.

Contact: Donnelle Kappel  
9422 Mill Creek Drive  
Marshfield, WI 54449  
(715) 676-2199

### WALLEY

Seeking the names of parents and grandparents of George M. WALLEY born June 9, 1869 and died August 24, 1959. He was buried in the Pardeeville Cem., Pardeeville, Columbia County, Wisconsin. He married a Mary L. who was born in 1887. Any help explaining the family connections would be gratefully appreciated.

Contact: Louis Charles Hacker  
805 West State Street  
Marshfield, WI 54449  
(715) 387-6979

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*Please remember to show your appreciation to replies by a "Thank You" note and return postage.*

## QUERIES SOLICITED

Queries can be an additional source of genealogic information. They are being solicited from the membership for Kith and Kin. While queries are accepted for information about anyone who had a connection with Wisconsin, even this is not a hard and fast rule. Of course, queries in Kith and Kin related to the area around Marshfield have the best chance of a response.

The response rate is increased by including as much information as possible (within limits) about the individual and by clearly stating the information desired. Surnames should be in complete capitals and also listed separately at the beginning of the request. Remember to include your correct address. Your telephone number may encourage a response from a pen shy individual. Review of queries in almost any issue of Kith and Kin will give you an idea on how to compose a query. Remember, if you are submitting a query to another publication, you must follow the format that they use.

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## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The main order of business at our annual business meeting in May will be the election of new officers and a board member. A nominating committee has been appointed with Vicky Schnitzler as chairperson. The positions to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and one member at large for the Board of Directors.

In addition to these elected positions, we need a Program Chairperson and a Newsletter Editor. If asked to serve, please consider doing so. The duties of each position have been included on the next two pages at the request of the Board of Directors.

The following has been extracted from the MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP BYLAWS (as proposed 23 May 1985) Articles V and VII:

## DUTIES

### A. Duties of the President.

1. Preside at meetings of the Membership and of the Board.
2. Appoint and assist the Program Chairperson.
3. Appoint all other Committee Chairpersons.
4. Be an ex-officio member of all committees.

### B. Duties of the Vice-President.

1. Assist the President as requested.
2. Preside at meetings of the Membership and of the Board in the absence of the President.
3. Be the Membership Committee Chairperson.
4. Vacate this Office and fill the Office of the Presidency should that office become vacant.

### C. Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer.

1. Record and report all minutes of Membership meetings and Board meetings.
2. Write, type, and send correspondence as directed by the President.
3. Collect and record membership dues and any other monies paid to the organization. Deposit these funds as directed by the Board of Directors.
4. Pay bills as directed by the President and in accord with Article VI: Section 2,A of the BYLAWS.
5. Keep a record concerning all financial data of the Organization and report to the Board of Directors and/or Membership when requested. Prepare and submit the yearly financial report for audit to the Board of Directors before the Annual Meeting.
6. Be bonded if deemed necessary.

### D. Duties of the first Past-President.

1. Facilitate smooth transition of operations after the Annual Meeting.
2. Continue to advise the President when requested.
3. Notify the Board of directors if unable to serve so that they may select a former Past-President to serve.

## COMMITTEES

Section 1. Creation. There will be Organizational, Standing and Ad Hoc Committees. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall be created as deemed necessary to promote the objectives and carry on the work of this organization.

- A. Organizational Committees. Those committees which are involved with the daily workings of the organization and are continuous from year to year. The Chairpersons are members of the Board of Directors.
1. Program. Members will be the Chairperson, the President and other members as deemed necessary. The Chairperson is responsible for planing and implementing the programs for membership meetings from August 1 of the year appointed to August 1 of the next year.
  2. Newsletter. The Chairperson shall be the Editor of the official publication, Kith and Kin, published bimonthly and containing the official notification of meetings. The Editor may request a representative from each committee to be a member of the Newsletter Committee.
  3. Library. The Chairperson shall be the Librarian.
  4. Membership. The Vice-President is the Chairperson and is responsible for maintaining membership records. The Chairperson shall work closely with the Secretary-Treasurer and shall submit all dues collected at least monthly. The Chairperson shall also submit a report of members qualifying to vote to the Nominations [Nominating] Committee prior to the elections.
- B. Standing Committees. Those Committees which are formed to fulfill specific and limited objectives of the organization and which are usually expected to continue from year to year. The Chairpersons are non-voting members of the Board of Directors. Examples are as follows: 1. History., 2. Education., 3. Publicity., and 4. Research.
- C. Ad Hoc Committees. Those committees which are developed for a particular objective or case at hand. They may or may not run for the full year and may be continued into the next year. The Chairpersons are non-voting members of the Board of Directors during the time the committee is active. An example of an Ad Hoc Committee is he Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Membership. The Chairpersons may work alone or shall choose other members to serve on the committee. The Chairpersons shall be directly responsible to the President with the approval of the Board of Directors or shall report directly to the Board of Directors. They shall develop and submit a description of goals and guidelines to the President. They shall keep records and report on committee actions to the President and to the Membership. They shall file an annual report before the annual Meeting and as requested by the President.

## LDS LIBRARY

Planning a trip to the LDS Library at Salt Lake City this year? If you do, then here are a few pointers to make your work a little easier.

The library opens at 7:30 each morning, usually with a line of people waiting to get into the door. Getting there 15 minutes ahead of time will help get you through the door quicker and possible assurance of a microfilm reader. It is a good idea to wear weather-proof clothing in case of rain. There are lockers at the library. You should consider putting all material that you do not carry into a locker, even purses. It is a good idea to carry a smock or sweater with pockets to keep pencils, plenty of nickels for the copying machines, and whatever you think you might need. When using a microfiche/microfilm reader, you should put your sweater/jacket on the back of the chair so others will know it is still in use. Although there are about 1,000 microfilm readers for use, there are times it is necessary to get up and get new material and if nothing is on the chair someone might think that the chair is unoccupied.

The library is free to the public. Many librarians do voluntary service, others are paid employees. Many of the volunteers will help free of charge-- and some of the volunteer workers will give you their card and may continue researching after you leave, if you request it. Fees vary from person to person; this outside service is not connected to the library.

There are teams of voluntary LDS workers constantly gathering material throughout the world for the library at Salt Lake City. Not only are these records incorporated into their files in the forms of microfilm and microfiche, but all the family sheets which are turned in by

individual members of the LDS church on their genealogical background are also on file and available to the public. Classes are also available and include computer classes, as many indexes are on computer. However, at the library all instructions are printed on computers to simplify researching through indexes. The teachers are highly qualified.

Hotel and motel prices are reasonable, and sometimes management will discount the price if told your trip is for research. Food prices are no different than your restaurants "at home", but anyone leaving their place for over an hour (even leaving their materials at the desk) for a lunch break may forfeit the right to use of that machine. In fairness to others, material is removed from the desk after an hour of 'no return' and the desk is opened to other patrons.

A card catalog is available for purchase in microfiche from the FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY, as it is now called. The summer months can be very crowded with vacationing researchers, but the best time for research is during the off-season, for instance, just before Christmas when the library has few customers.

Even though you think you had no Mormon relatives, look again at their family collections. You may find more information there than you think. Often a branch of the family has joined their church group and a wealth of information can be found on your great-great grandparents, and perhaps earlier. Many persons from Europe and other parts of the world are associated with the group, and many files are available.

If you plan a trip to the library, remember that because of the vastness of resources and facilities, you spend not less than two days there. The first day will primarily be used in "getting acquainted".

(See LDS LIBRARY page 43)

## LDS LIBRARY (cont.)

Prepare your material ahead of time in order not to duplicate efforts. Sort out what you already have and what you will need. Take along copies of your family sheets and leave the originals at home. (Same for group sheets.) Put each surname you are researching into a folder; then be sure that your name and address is on each folder. In case a folder is lost or misplaced in the library, it will be returned to you. Professional thieves do not take folders, but might walk off with an expensive brief case. It is a library where anyone can enter to research, it is prone to such actions as is any other public facility.

If you are planning a trip to the Family History Library in 1989, your trip will likely prove fruitful and rewarding.--*edited from Ancestral Diggin's of Lafayette County, Wisconsin, January, February 1989.*

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## A THANK YOU

A thank you goes out to everyone who submitted material for Kith and Kin. The help is much appreciated and makes for a better newsletter for everyone.

Along the same line, each member of the group is asked to be on the look out for items for the newsletter. You may wish to share with the group how you solved a particular research problem or your experience visiting a particular library or courthouse. On the other hand you may find an article or research tip pertinent to genealogy that would be appropriate for the newsletter. The Board of Directors at the meeting of March 23, 1989 had suggested that a portion of the members be asked to submit something for the newsletter on a rotating basis.

UPCOMING GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS  
AROUND THE AREA

\* \* Saturday, April 29, 1989 \* \*

Beginning with coffee at 9:00 the Washburn County Genealogical Society will host a workshop featuring Wylie Pope. He will give participants An Overview of French Canadian Sources and English Research. The cost is \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door; lunch is available for \$2.00. The event will be held in the Wisconsin Agriculture Building in Spooner. For reservations, write to Washburn County Genealogical Society, Box 366, Shell Lake, WI 54871.

THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
CONFERENCE IN THE STATES

The National Genealogical Society's Conference in the States----"Journey Into Your Past"----begins Wednesday, May 17, with the opening session set for 1:00 p.m. The Minnesota Genealogical Society is host group for the big event. The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. Everyone is welcome. There will be sessions for both beginners and professionals, and for those in between. Four days of genealogy.

Brochures may be obtained from NGS Conference in the States, 4527 - 17th St. No., Arlington, Virginia 22207-2399.

Note: Vicky Johnson [683-2861] and Susan LaSavage [387-6577] will be attending. You may wish to contact one of them if you are considering going.

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## JOINT MEETING POSTPONED

The joint meeting has been postponed until August or September. Further details when available.

## STRATFORD HERITAGE DAYS

Stratford Heritage Days will take place June 9, 10 & 11, 1989 at Stratford, Wisconsin. The fun starts with the Stratford bed races on Friday, June 9. There will be a parade on Saturday. Families are encouraged to enter a float celebrating their heritage.

A tribute to ethnic culture is planned. On Saturday, there will be ethnic foods and ethnic music. Each ethnic background will wear an identifying color. In addition to food booths, there will be a number of information booths. The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group will share a booth with the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. Schnitz will be taking photographs of photographs at the booth for a portion of the day on both Saturday and Sunday. A small fee will be charged. Hopefully, we will be able to use some of the material from the June Dairy Days display in the Mall. If you can help answer questions for an hour or two, please sign up at the April meeting or let Susan Weber know at 387-8846. Also, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

A Stratford Family History Display will be in the American Legion Hall. Individuals from the Stratford area who would like to display family pictures or family artifacts should contact Susan Weber at 387-8846 or Allie Knoll at the Stratford State Bank at 687-2411.

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### GENE-A-RAMA

The 1989 Gene-A-Rama will be held September 15-16 at The Valley Inn, corner of Wisconsin and Walnut Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956 [telephone (414) 725-8441]. Friday night at 8:00, there will be a combined General Membership and Board of Directors Meeting followed by a social hour with Hors D'oeuvres and a cash bar.

On Saturday, the main speaker will be Loretto Szucs who will speak on Genealogical Research in the National Archives Field Branches and on Irish-American Research. Other topics will include: Definitely Beginners, Integrating Genealogy in Your Curriculum, Reading Gothic Script, Using Maps in Genealogy, Computer Genealogy Information Sources, and Applying for Tax Exempt Status. Also there will be: Freebies, Door Prizes, Vendors and Computerized Surname List.

You may submit the names of up to seven ancestors whom you wish to have listed in the Ancestral Index to be handed out at registration. Only names, accompanied by registration, arriving before July 15, 1989 will be included. So it is important to get your application in early. A limited number of application forms will be available at the April and May meetings or write to GENE-A-RAMA '89, %Emil Krause, 6083 Cty Trk S, Wisconsin, Rapids WI 54494 [telephone (715) 435-3683].

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### LABELING NOW

"There are many pictures of people, I can no longer name." Not only should family pictures be labeled, but accounts of historical events and newspaper clippings of births, graduations, marriages and deaths in your family should be dated and kept in a sturdy scrap book. Fascinating family histories could be preserved if younger members interviewed older relatives at family gatherings. A tape recorder would be ideal for this purpose.

Succeeding generations will love it!--extracted from *Dea Abby*. *Marshfield News-Herald*, Marshfield, Wisconsin, April 4, 1989, page 10, columns 2-4.



ADDRESSES OF GROUPS  
OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS

GENERAL

Genealogic Institute  
P.O. Box 22045  
Salt Lake City, UT 84122

Genealogy Club of America  
P.O. Box 15861  
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

DANISH

Danish Brotherhood in America  
P.O. Box 31748  
Omaha, NE 68131

Danish American collection  
Grand View College Library  
1351 Grandview  
Des Moines, IA 50316

ESTONIAN

Estonian Aid, Inc.  
Erna Nuth Memorial Library  
41 Union Square West  
P.O. Box 357  
Cooper Station, NY 10276

FINNISH

Finnish American Collection  
Suomi College Library  
Hancock, MI 49930

Finnish American Historical  
Society  
of Michigan  
19885 Melrose  
Southfield, MI 48075

GERMAN

American Historical Society of  
Germans from Russia  
631 "D" Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502

Concordia Historical Institute  
801 DeMun Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105

German Society of Pennsylvania  
611 Spring Garden Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

HUNGARIAN

American Hungarian Library and  
Historical Society  
213 E. 82nd Street  
New York, NY 10028

American Hungarian Foundation  
177 Somerset Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08903

NORWEGIAN

Vesterheim Genealogic Center  
4909 Sherwood Road  
Madison, WI 53711

Norwegian-American Historical  
Assn.  
St. Olaf College  
Northfield, MN 55057

Vesterheim Norwegian American  
Museum  
502 W. Water Street  
Decorah, IA 52101

SLOVAK

CSA Fraternal Life  
(formerly Czechoslovak Society of  
America)  
2701 S. Harlem  
Berwyn, IL 60402

Slovak League of America  
870 Rifle Camp Road  
West Patterson, NJ 07424

SWEDISH

Augustana Historical Society  
Augustana College  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Swedish-American Historical  
Society  
5125 N. Spaulding Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625

American Swedish Historical  
Foundation  
1900 Pattison  
Philadelphia, PA 19145

--extracted from Dickson, C.  
Tracing your Ethnic Roots. AAL  
Correspondant, Spring 1989, pages  
13-14.

\* \* \* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \* \* \*

Thurs. April 27.....Show and Tell and Problem Shooting. We will have  
7 p.m. the opportunity to share some of the successes or  
Marshfield Clinic problems each of us have encountered in our  
Conf. Rm. 6620 genealogical research. *Note: Change of date.*

Thurs. May 25.....Topic to be announced.  
7 p.m. (promptly) "Annual Business Meeting of the Marshfield Area  
Marshfield Clinic Genealogy Group." The business meeting including  
Conf. Rm. 6620 election of officers will take place this evening.

Sat.&Sun. June 3 & 4. Genealogy Group Display at Northway Mall

Thurs. June 22.....Topic to be announced.  
7 p.m.  
Marshfield Clinic  
Conf. Rm. 6620

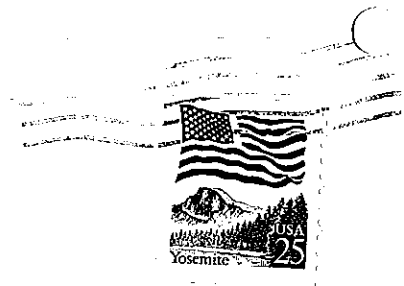
Thurs. July 27.....Topic to be announced.  
7 p.m.  
Marshfield Clinic  
Conf. Rm. 6620

Thurs. August 24.....No Regular Meeting. Open house at Sue Weber's home  
to use the library, copying machine, etc. Details  
and times to follow.

PLEASE MARK THE ABOVE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group  
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Address Correction Requested



Mr. & Mrs. 002 1989  
Donald Schnitzler  
301 S. Cedar Ave.  
Marshfield, WI 54449

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Area Number

MAGG Use:

- Receipt
- Membership card
- Membership packet & back Newsletters
- Newsletter
- Surnames
- Programs
- Membership file

Membership Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$8.00/year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$10.00/year) *residing at same address*

*Please Answer the Following:*

Major Surnames I am researching *(Please Print Clearly!)*

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1. My research centers on the following Ethnic Backgrounds: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. My family history research includes the following States: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The following communities in the Marshfield Area are of interest to my family history research: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. I am interested in seeing these topics covered in our Newsletter: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. I would like to see the following programs or activities planned: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Completed form to: Marshfield Area Genealogy Group  
P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449

